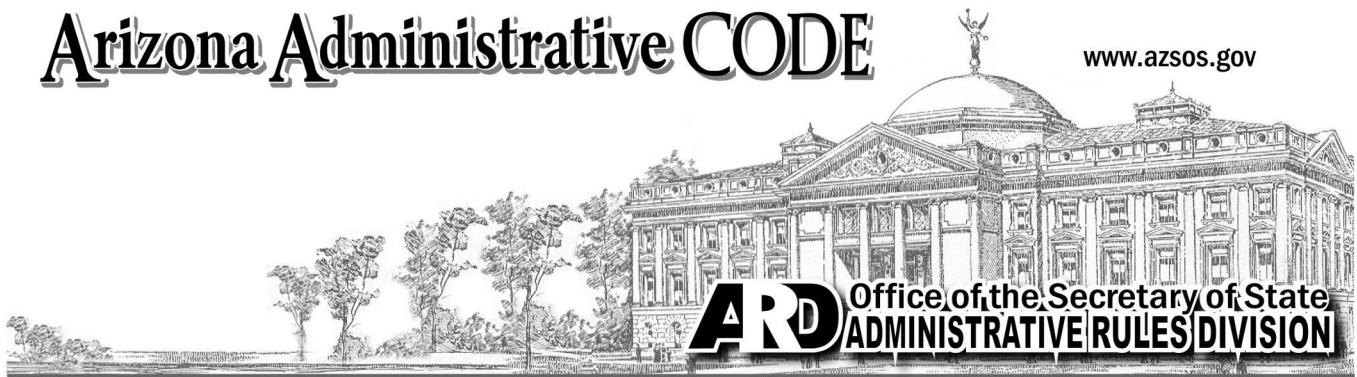




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R13-4-101. Definitions

In this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Academy” means an entity that conducts the Board-prescribed basic training courses for full-authority or specialty peace officers.

“Adderall,” as used in R13-4-105, means a combination drug containing salts of amphetamine that acts as a central nervous system stimulant. The combination may include amphetamine, methamphetamine, methylphenidate, dextroamphetamine, levoamphetamine, or other stimulants.

“Agency” means a law enforcement entity empowered by the state of Arizona.

“Appointment” means the selection by an agency of an individual to be a peace officer or peace officer recruit that the agency believes meets the minimum qualifications for appointment specified in R13-4-105.

“Approved training program” means a course of instruction that meets Board-prescribed course requirements.

“Board” means the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.

“Cancellation” means the annulment of certified status without prejudice to reapply for certification.

“Certified” means approved by the Board as being in compliance with A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 12, Article 8 and this Chapter.

“CE” means the Board-approved Comprehensive Examination that measures mastery of the knowledge and skills taught in the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course.

“Denial” means the refusal of the Board to grant certified status. The Board’s denial may be temporary with an opportunity to reapply for certified status or permanent.

“Dangerous drug or narcotic” means a substance identified in A.R.S. § 13-3401 as being a dangerous drug or narcotic drug.

“Full-authority peace officer” means a peace officer whose authority to enforce the laws of this state is not limited by this Chapter.

“Inactive certification” means a certified peace officer has been terminated and as a result, the peace officer’s certified status becomes inactive rather than lapsing. An individual with an inactive certification shall not function as a peace officer or be assigned the duties of a peace officer.

“Lapsed certification” means the expiration of certified status.

“Open enrollee” means an individual who is admitted to an academy but is not appointed by an agency.

“Peace officer” has the meaning in A.R.S. § 1-215.

“Peace officer recruit” means an individual recruited and appointed by an agency to attend an academy.

“Physician” means an individual licensed to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine in this or another state.

“Polygraph” means an instrument that is used to render a diagnostic opinion as to the honesty of an individual and records continuously, visually, permanently, and simultaneously,

changes in cardiovascular, respiratory, and electro dermal patterns as minimum instrumentation standards.

“Resolve-in-the-future or RF” means a designation assigned by the Board regarding alleged misconduct of an inactive peace officer and requires an agency to resolve the alleged misconduct before the agency may appoint the peace officer.

“Restricted certification” means the Board’s limitation on duties allowed to be performed by a certified peace officer.

“Revocation” means the permanent withdrawal of certified status.

“Scenario” means immersive training in which a peace officer recruit demonstrates response skills by applying knowledge and solving problems in a simulated environment.

“Service ammunition” means munitions that perform equivalently in all respects when fired during training or qualification to those carried on duty by a peace officer.

“Service handgun” means the specific handgun or equivalent that a peace officer carries for use on duty.

“Specialty peace officer” means a peace officer whose authority is limited to enforcing specific sections of the Arizona Revised Statutes or *Arizona Administrative Code*, as specified by the appointing agency’s statutory powers and duties.

“Success criteria” means a numerical statement that establishes the performance needed for an individual to demonstrate competency in a knowledge, task, or ability required by this Chapter.

“Suspension” means the temporary withdrawal of certified status.

“Termination” means the end of employment or service with an agency as a peace officer through removal, discharge, resignation, retirement, or otherwise.

“Vendor” means an entity other than the Board or an agency that makes training available to peace officers.

Historical Note

Adopted effective March 23, 1989 (Supp. 89-1).
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Amended effective October 20, 1995; filed with the Secretary of State April 20, 1995 (Supp. 95-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 331, effective March 11, 2006 (Supp. 06-1).
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R13-4-102. Internal Organization and Control of the Board

- A. Scheduled meetings. The Chair, in consultation with the Board, shall set regular meeting dates of the Board.
- B. Special meetings. Except in the case of an emergency meeting declared by the Governor or the Chair, the Chair shall give at least five days’ written notice of a special meeting to each member of the Board.

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- C. Subcommittees. The Chair may appoint subcommittees to inquire into any matter of Board interest. Each subcommittee shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Board, in a manner directed by the Chair.

Historical Note

Adopted effective March 23, 1989 (Supp. 89-1). References to "Council" changed to "Board" (Supp. 94-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 555, effective April 8, 2016 (Supp. 16-1).

R13-4-103. Certification of Peace Officers

- A. Certified status mandatory. An individual who is not certified by the Board or whose certified status is inactive shall not function as a peace officer or be assigned the duties of a peace officer by an agency, except as provided in subsection (B).
- B. Sheriffs who are elected are exempt from the requirement of certified status.
- C. An individual shall satisfy the minimum qualifications and training requirements to receive certified status.
- D. Peace officer categories. The categories for which certified status may be granted are:
1. Full-authority peace officer, and
 2. Specialty peace officer.
- E. Application for certification. An individual who seeks to be certified as a peace officer shall make application as follows:
1. Submit to an agency an application that contains all documents required by R13-4-105, R13-4-106(A) and (B), and R13-4-107;
 2. Obtain an appointment from the agency; and
 3. Obtain either a certificate of graduation from a Board-prescribed full-authority Peace Officer Basic Training Course or a certificate of successful completion of the waiver of training process prescribed by R13-4-110(D).
- F. An open enrollee shall obtain an appointment from an agency within one year after graduating from a Board-prescribed full-authority Peace Officer Basic Training Course.
1. If more than one year but less than three years elapse after graduation from a Board-prescribed full-authority Peace Officer Basic Training Course before an open enrollee obtains an appointment from an agency, the open enrollee shall again take the CE required under R13-4-110 and satisfactorily perform the practical demonstrations of proficiency in physical conditioning, vehicle operations, pursuit operations, and firearms, including firearms qualifications, as required under R13-4-116(E)(1).
 2. If more than three years elapse after graduation from a Board-prescribed full-authority Peace Officer Basic Training Course, an open enrollee may pursue certification only by repeating the Board-prescribed full-authority Peace Officer Basic Training Course.
- G. Establishing or enforcing qualifications, standards, or training requirements. The Board may waive in whole or in part any provision of this Article upon a finding that the best interests of the law enforcement profession are served and the public welfare and safety is not jeopardized by the waiver. The Board may place restrictions or requirements on a peace officer as a condition of certified status.
- H. This Section is effective six months after filing with the Secretary of State as required by A.R.S. § 41-1823(A).

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R13-4-104. Peace Officer Category Restrictions

- A. Specialty peace officer. A specialty peace officer has only the authority specified in R13-4-101.
- B. Peace officer category change. A certified peace officer may be appointed to another peace officer category within the same agency without the background investigation and medical examination required in R13-4-105, R13-4-106, and R13-4-107 when these requirements were previously satisfied for appointment if:
1. No more than 30 days have elapsed since the peace officer's termination, and
 2. The change is to a category for which the officer is qualified under R13-4-110(A).
- C. Reinstatement by an agency following termination by the agency for misconduct and physical separation from the agency for more than 30 days. Before reinstating a peace officer who was terminated for misconduct and physically separated from service for more than 30 days, the agency shall conduct the following background investigation and submit the results to the Board. The agency shall conduct the background investigation even if the peace officer's official date of reinstatement is within the 30 days of physical separation from the agency:
1. A personal history statement as described in R13-4-106(A);
 2. A background interview regarding the time physically separated from the agency;
 3. A polygraph examination as described in R13-4-106(C)(8) regarding the time physically separated from the agency and including:
 - a. Were you involved in any criminal activity while physically separated from the agency;
 - b. Did you have an encounter with law enforcement while physically separated from the agency;
 - c. Was there a change in your medical condition while physically separated from the agency;
 - d. Questions to update the information required under R13-4-105(A)(6) and (A)(9) through (15) and R13-4-106(C)(2) and (C)(4); and
 - e. Is all the information you provided true, complete, and accurate.
- D. Inactive certification. The certification of a peace officer becomes inactive upon termination.
- E. Lapse of certification. The certification of a peace officer lapses after three consecutive years of inactive certification.
- F. Reinstatement from inactive certification. A peace officer whose certification is inactive and has not lapsed may have certification reinstated if the requirements of R13-4-105 are met for the new appointment, and if appointed:
1. In the same peace officer category, or;

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2. As a specialty peace officer from inactive certification as a full-authority peace officer.
- G. Active certification as a specialty peace officer does not prevent lapse of active certification as a full-authority peace officer.

Historical Note

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R13-4-105. Minimum Qualifications

- A. Except as provided in subsection (C) or (D), an individual shall meet the following minimum qualifications before being appointed to or attending an academy:
 1. Be a United States citizen;
 2. Be at least 21 years of age. An individual may attend an academy if the individual will be 21 years of age before graduating;
 3. Meet one of the following education standards:
 - a. Have a diploma from a high school recognized by the department of education of the jurisdiction from which the diploma is issued,
 - b. Have successfully completed a General Education Development (G.E.D.) examination,
 - c. Have a homeschool diploma or certificate of completion that is recognized as the equivalent of a high school diploma by the jurisdiction from which the homeschool diploma or certificate is issued,
 - d. Have a diploma, certificate of completion, or transcripts issued by a private school in Arizona that includes the individual's name and a signed affirmation of the school administrator that the individual received the equivalent of a high school education, or
 - e. Have a degree from an institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education;
 4. Undergo a complete background investigation that meets the standards of R13-4-106. An individual shall not begin an academy until the agency has completed the background investigation requirements at R13-4-106(C)(1), (C)(2), and (C)(4) through (9). However, an individual may begin an academy before the results of the fingerprint query referenced in R13-4-106(C)(3) are returned. The academy shall not graduate the individual and the Board shall not reimburse the academy for the individual's training expenses until a qualifying background investigation report, as specified in R13-4-106(C)(10), is completed;
 5. Undergo a medical examination that meets the standards of R13-4-107 within one year before appointment. An agency may make a conditional offer of appointment before the medical examination. If the medical examination is conducted more than 180 days before appointment, the individual shall submit a written statement indicating the individual's medical condition has not changed since the examination;
 6. Not have been convicted of a felony or any offense that would be a felony if committed in Arizona;
 7. Not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces;
 8. Not have been previously denied certified status, have certified status revoked, or have current certified status suspended, or have voluntarily surrendered certified status in lieu of possible disciplinary action in this or any other state if the reason for denial, revocation, suspension, or possible disciplinary action was or would be a violation of R13-4-109(A) if committed in Arizona;
 9. Not have illegally possessed, produced, cultivated, or transported marijuana for sale or sold marijuana;
 10. Not have illegally possessed or used marijuana for any purpose within the past six months;
 11. Not have illegally sold, produced, cultivated, or transported for sale a dangerous drug or narcotic;
 12. Not have illegally used a dangerous drug or narcotic, other than marijuana, for any purpose within the past seven years;
 13. Not have a pattern of abuse of prescription medication;
 14. Undergo a polygraph examination that meets the requirements of R13-4-106, unless prohibited by law;
 15. Not have been convicted of or adjudged to have violated traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles with a frequency within the past three years that indicates a disrespect for traffic laws or a disregard for the safety of others on the highway;
 16. Read the code of ethics in subsection (E) and affirm by signature the individual understands and agrees to abide by the code.
- B. To determine whether an individual's possession or use of marijuana, or a dangerous drug or narcotic disqualifies the individual from being appointed or attending an academy, the Board shall use the following standards:
 1. Marijuana.
 - a. All forms of marijuana will be treated the same;
 - b. The individual has not illegally possessed or used marijuana within the six months before appointment as a peace officer; and
 - c. The individual has never illegally possessed or used marijuana as a peace officer;
 2. Dangerous drugs, narcotics, and prescription drugs containing an active ingredient that is a narcotic or dangerous drug.
 - a. The individual has not illegally possessed or used any of these substances:
 - i. Within the seven years before appointment as a peace officer;
 - ii. More than a total of five times for all substances combined;
 - iii. More than one time for all substances combined since turning 21 years of age; and
 - iv. As a peace officer;
 - b. Dangerous drugs. All dangerous drugs will be treated the same;
 - c. Narcotics. All narcotics will be treated the same; and
 - d. Prescription medications. All prescription medications containing an active ingredient that is a narcotic or dangerous drug will be treated the same. Possession or use for recreational purposes of a pre-

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- scription medication containing an active ingredient that is a narcotic or dangerous drug is disqualifying under subsection (B)(2);
3. Steroids.
 - a. All steroids will be treated the same;
 - b. The individual has not illegally possessed or used a steroid within the three years before appointment as a peace officer; and
 - c. The individual has never illegally possessed or used a steroid as a peace officer;
 4. Adderall.
 - a. All uses of Adderall, except as prescribed by a physician, will be treated the same;
 - b. The individual has not possessed or used Adderall, except as prescribed by a physician, within the three years before appointment as a peace officer; and
 - c. The individual has never possessed or used Adderall, except as prescribed by a physician, as a peace officer; and
 5. Over-the counter products containing cannabidiol (CBD). The Board does not consider possession or use of over-the-counter products containing CBD, as allowed under federal and state law, as disqualifying an individual from appointment as a peace officer.
- C. An agency head who wishes to appoint an individual whose illegal possession or use of marijuana or a dangerous drug or narcotic is determined to be disqualifying under this Section may petition the Board for a determination that, given the unique circumstances of the individual's possession or use, the use should not be disqualifying. The petition shall:
1. Specify the type of drugs illegally possessed or used, the number of uses, the age at the time of each possession or use, the method by which the information regarding illegal possession or use of drugs came to the agency's attention, and any attempt by the agency head to verify the accuracy of the information; and
 2. State the factors the agency head wishes the Board to consider in making its determination. These factors may include:
 - a. The duration of possession or use,
 - b. The motivation for possession or use,
 - c. The time elapsed since the last possession or use,
 - d. How the drug was obtained,
 - e. How the drug was ingested,
 - f. Why the individual stopped possessing or using the drug, and
 - g. Any other factor the agency head believes is relevant to the Board's determination.
- D. An agency head who wishes to appoint an individual whose conduct is grounds to deny certification under R13-4-109 may petition the Board for a determination that the otherwise disqualifying conduct constitutes juvenile indiscretion. The petition shall:
1. Specify the nature of the conduct, the number of times the conduct occurred, the method by which information regarding the conduct came to the agency's attention, and any attempt by the agency head to verify the accuracy of the information; and
 2. Include sufficient information for the Board to determine that all of the following are true:
 - a. The conduct occurred when the individual was younger than age 18;
 - b. The conduct occurred more than five years before application for appointment;
 - c. The individual has consistently exhibited responsible, law-abiding behavior between the time of the conduct and application for appointment;
 - d. There is reason to believe the individual's immaturity at the time of the conduct contributed substantially to the conduct;
 - e. There is evidence the individual's maturity at the time of application makes reoccurrence of the conduct unlikely; and
 - f. The conduct was not so egregious that public trust in the law enforcement profession would be jeopardized if the individual is certified.
3. If the Board finds that the information submitted is sufficient for the Board to determine the factors listed in subsection (D)(2) are true, the Board shall determine the conduct constituted juvenile indiscretion and grant appointment.
- E. Code of Ethics. Because the people of the state of Arizona confer upon all peace officers the authority and responsibility to safeguard lives and property within constitutional parameters, a peace officer shall commit to the following Code of Ethics and shall affirm the peace officer's commitment by signing the Code.
- "I will exercise self-restraint and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and loyal to the state of Arizona and my agency and its objectives and regulations. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept secure unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never take selfish advantage of my position and will not allow my personal feelings, animosities, or friendships to influence my actions or decisions. I will exercise the authority of my office to the best of my ability, with courtesy and vigilance, and without favor, malice, ill will, or compromise. I am a servant of the people and I recognize my position as a symbol of public faith. I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the law and serve the people of Arizona."
- F. This Section is effective six months after filing with the Secretary of State as required by A.R.S. § 41-1823(A).

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R13-4-106. Background Investigation Requirements

- A.** Personal history statement. An individual who seeks to be appointed shall complete and submit to the appointing agency a personal history statement on a form prescribed by the Board before the start of a background investigation. The Board shall use the answers to questions contained in the personal history statement to determine whether the individual is eligible for certified status as a peace officer. The Board shall ensure the questions concern whether the individual meets the minimum requirements for appointment, has engaged in conduct or a pattern of conduct that would jeopardize the public trust in the law enforcement profession, and is of good moral character.
- B.** Investigative requirements for the applicant. To assist with the background investigation, an individual who seeks to be appointed shall provide the following:
1. Proof of United States citizenship. A copy of a birth certificate, United States passport, or United States naturalization papers is acceptable proof.
 2. Copy of a current, valid driver's license.
 3. Proof of education. A copy of a diploma, certificate, or transcript is acceptable proof.
 4. Record of any military discharge. A copy of the Military Service Record (DD Form 214#4 or NGB Form 22), which documents the character of service, separation code, and reentry code, is acceptable proof.
 5. Personal references. The names and addresses of at least three people who can provide information as personal references.
 6. Previous employers or schools attended. The names and addresses of all employers and schools attended within the previous 10 years.
 7. Residence history. The complete address for every location at which the individual has lived in the last 10 years.
- C.** Investigative requirements for the agency. A complete background investigation includes the following inquiries and a review of the returns to determine that the individual seeking appointment meets the requirements of R13-4-105, and that the individual's personal history statement is accurate and truthful. For each individual seeking to be appointed, the appointing agency shall:
1. Query all the law enforcement agency records in jurisdictions listed in subsections (B)(6) and (7);
 2. Query the motor vehicle division driving record from any state listed in subsections (B)(6) and (7);
 3. Complete and submit a Fingerprint Card Inventory Sheet to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Arizona Department of Public Safety for query;
 4. Query the National Crime Information Center/Interstate Identification Index (NCIC/III), and the Arizona Criminal Information Center/Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACIC/ACCH), or the equivalent for each state listed in subsections (B)(6) and (7);
 5. Contact all personal references and employers listed in subsections (B)(6) and (7) and document the answers to inquiries concerning whether the individual meets the standards of this Section;
 6. Query the Board regarding the individual's certification status, reports of alleged misconduct by the individual, and whether the individual has a Board case with an RF designation;

7. Query all Arizona law enforcement agencies where the individual was appointed or applied for appointment as a peace officer regarding records maintained under R13-4-108(C);
8. Administer a polygraph examination, unless prohibited by law. The results shall include a detailed report of the pre-test interview and any post-test interview and shall cover responses to all questions that concern:
 - a. Minimum standards for appointment as required by R13-4-105,
 - b. Truthfulness on the personal history statement,
 - c. Commission of any crimes; and
 - d. Any Board case with an RF designation;
9. If any of the information under subsections (C)(1) through (8) is more than a year old, the agency shall administer another polygraph examination and query the individual regarding any changes in the information previously received under subsections (C)(1) through (8); and
10. If the results of the background investigation show that the individual meets minimum qualifications for appointment, has not engaged in conduct or a pattern of conduct that would jeopardize public trust in the law enforcement profession, and is of good moral character, complete a report that attests to those findings. If the agency is unable to obtain all information required under subsections (C)(1) through (9), include in the report a description of the missing information and efforts made to obtain it.

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R13-4-107. Medical Requirements

- A.** Medical, physical, and mental eligibility for certification.
1. An agency may appoint an individual if the individual meets the minimum qualifications in R13-4-105 and is able to perform all the essential functions of the job of peace officer effectively, with or without reasonable accommodation, without creating a reasonable probability of substantial harm to the individual or others.
 2. If an agency wishes to appoint an individual who is unable to perform all the essential functions of the job of peace officer effectively, the agency may seek a restricted certification for the individual. The Board shall determine whether placing restrictions or requirements on the individual as a condition of certification will enable the individual to perform the essential functions authorized within the restriction without creating a reasonable probability of harm to the individual or others.
- B.** Medical examination process.
1. Medical history. An individual applying to be appointed shall provide to the examining physician a written statement of the individual's medical history that includes past

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and present diseases, illnesses, symptoms, conditions, injuries, functionality, surgeries, procedures, immunizations, medications, and psychological information.

2. Medical examination.
 - a. The examining physician shall review the medical history statement and take an additional verbal history from the applicant;
 - b. The examining physician shall conduct a physical examination consistent with the standard of care for occupational medical examinations;
 - c. The examining physician shall order tests, obtain medical records, and require specialist or functional examinations and evaluations that the examining physician deems necessary to determine the applicant's ability to perform all the essential functions of the job of peace officer;
 - d. The examining physician shall make a report to the agency and provide a:
 - i. Summary of the examination;
 - ii. Description of any significant medical findings;
 - iii. Description of any limitation to the ability to perform the essential functions of the job of a peace officer; and
 - iv. Medical opinion about the applicant's ability to perform the essential functions of the job of peace officer, with or without reasonable accommodations; and
 - e. The examining physician shall consult with the agency, upon request, about the report and the efficacy of any accommodations the agency deems reasonable.

- C. This Section is effective six months after filing with the Secretary of State as required by A.R.S. § 41-1823(A).

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R13-4-108. Agency Records and Reports

- A. Agency reports. On forms prescribed by the Board, an agency shall submit:
 1. A report by the agency head attesting the requirements of R13-4-105 are met for each individual appointed. The report shall be submitted to the Board before an individual attends an academy or performs the duties of a peace officer.
 2. A termination report regarding a peace officer shall be submitted to the Board within 15 days of the termination and include:
 - a. The nature of the termination and effective date; and
 - b. A description of any termination for cause.
 3. If an agency determines the termination of a peace officer is for cause, the agency shall submit to the Board a detailed description of and supporting documentation for the cause.

- B. Agency records. An agency shall make its records available on request by the Board or staff. The agency shall maintain the following for each individual for whom certification is sought:
 1. An application file that contains all of the information required in R13-4-103(E) and R13-4-106(C) for each individual appointed for certification as a peace officer;
 2. A copy of reports submitted under subsection (A);
 3. A written report of the results of a completed or partially completed background investigation and all written documentation obtained or recorded under R13-4-106, including information obtained regarding a Board case with an RF designation;
 4. A completed medical report required under R13-4-107; and
 5. A record of all requirements under R13-4-111.
- C. Record retention. An agency shall maintain the records required by this Section as follows:
 1. For applicants investigated under R13-4-106 who are not appointed: three years;
 2. For applicants who are appointed: five years from the date of termination, except records retained under subsection (B)(5) shall be retained for three years; and
 3. Reports of a polygraph examination given under R13-4-106(C)(8) shall be maintained in accordance with state law.
- D. An agency shall make the records maintained under subsection (C) available, on request, to another agency completing a background investigation under R13-4-106(C).

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R13-4-109. Denial, Revocation, Suspension, or Cancellation of Peace Officer Certified Status

- A. Causes for denial, suspension, or revocation. The Board may deny certified status or suspend or revoke the certified status of a peace officer for:
 1. Failing to satisfy a minimum qualification for appointment listed in R13-4-105;
 2. Willfully providing false information in connection with obtaining or reactivating certified status;
 3. Having a medical, physical, or mental disability that substantially limits the individual's ability to perform the duties of a peace officer effectively, or that may create a reasonable probability of substantial harm to the individual or others, for which a reasonable accommodation cannot be made;
 4. Violating a restriction or requirement for certified status imposed under R13-4-109.01, R13-4-103 (G), or R13-4-104;
 5. Engaging in behavior that would be disqualifying under R13-4-105(B);
 6. Using or being under the influence of spirituous liquor on duty without authorization;
 7. Committing a felony offense, an act that would be a felony if committed in this state, or an offense involving dishonesty, unlawful sexual conduct, or physical violence;

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8. Committing malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office;
 9. Performing the duties or exercising the authority of a peace officer without having active certified status;
 10. Making a false or misleading statement, written or oral, to the Board or its representative;
 11. Failing to furnish information in a timely manner to the Board or its representative on request; or
 12. Engaging in any conduct or pattern of conduct that tends to disrupt, diminish, or otherwise jeopardize public trust in the law enforcement profession.
- B.** Cause for cancellation. The Board shall cancel the certified status of a peace officer if the Board determines the individual was not qualified when certified status was granted, and revocation is not warranted under subsection (A).
- C.** Cause for mandatory revocation. Upon the receipt of a certified copy of a judgment of a felony conviction of a peace officer, the Board shall revoke certified status of the peace officer.
- D.** Action by the Board. Upon receipt of information that cause exists to deny certification, or to cancel, suspend, or revoke the certified status of a peace officer, the Board shall determine whether to initiate action regarding the retention of certified status. The Board may conduct additional inquiries or investigations to obtain sufficient information to make a fair determination.
- E.** Notice of action. The Board shall notify the affected individual of Board action to initiate proceedings regarding certified status for a cause listed under subsection (A) or (B). The notice shall be served as required by A.R.S. § 41-1092.04 and specify the cause for the action. Within 30 days after receiving the notice, the individual named in the notice shall advise the Board or its staff in writing whether a hearing is requested. Failure to file a written request for hearing at the Board offices within 30 days after receiving the notice constitutes a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- F.** Effect of agency action. Action by an agency or a decision resulting from an appeal of that action does not preclude action by the Board to deny, cancel, suspend, or revoke the certified status of a peace officer.

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R13-4-109.01. Restriction of Certified Peace Officer Status: Training or Qualification Deficiencies

- A.** Restricted status. The Board shall restrict certified status if a peace officer fails to satisfy the requirements of R13-4-111.
1. The Board shall consider reports of training or qualification deficiencies at a regularly scheduled public meeting and provide a peace officer alleged to have a training or qualification deficiency the opportunity to be heard without referral to an independent hearing officer. At the public meeting, the Board shall determine only whether the peace officer has successfully completed the required training or qualification and can produce documentation to verify it.
 2. The Board shall leave a restriction in effect until the training or qualification requirement is met and the peace officer files written verification of the training or qualification with the Board.
 3. The Board shall provide notice of restriction or reinstatement following a restriction under this Section by regular mail to the peace officer at the employing agency address. The Board shall provide a copy of the restriction or reinstatement notice by regular mail to the agency head.
- B.** Firearms qualification. If a peace officer fails to satisfy R13-4-111(B), the peace officer shall not carry or use a firearm on duty.
- C.** Annual training. If a peace officer fails to satisfy R13-4-111(A) or (B), the peace officer shall not engage in enforcement duties, carry a firearm, wear or display a badge, wear a uniform, make arrests, perform patrol functions, or operate a marked police vehicle.

Historical Note

New Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 555, effective April 8, 2016 (Supp. 16-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 31 A.A.R. 924 (March 28, 2025), effective May 4, 2025 (Supp. 25-1).

R13-4-110. Basic Training Requirements

- A.** Required training for certified status. The Board shall not certify and an individual shall not perform the duties of a peace officer until the individual successfully completes basic training as follows:
1. Comprehensive examination. To be certified as a full-authority peace officer, an individual shall complete the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course, specified in R13-4-116, at an academy and pass all sections of the CE.
 - a. The Board shall ensure all sections of the CE are administered in a secure manner.
 - b. The Board shall ensure all sections of the CE are administered at appropriate intervals throughout the full-authority peace officer basic training course. The Board shall ensure the last section of the CE is administered during the final two weeks of the full-authority peace officer basic training course.
 - c. An individual passes the CE by achieving a score of at least 70 percent on each section of the CE when each section is scored separately.
 - d. An individual who fails a section of the CE may retake the failed section within seven days of the original examination date if the individual remains appointed by the original appointing agency or enrolled in the academy.
 - e. An individual who fails a retake of a section of the CE, as described in subsection (A)(1)(d), may pursue certification only by repeating the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course.
 2. Scenarios. To be certified as a full-authority peace officer, an individual shall complete the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course, specified in R13-4-116, at an academy and demonstrate skills by passing a series of scenarios.
 - a. The Board shall ensure each scored scenario is marked as either pass or fail.

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- b. An individual who fails a scenario may immediately take a remedial scenario involving the same skill.
- c. An individual who fails a remedial scenario may pursue certification only by repeating the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course.
- 3. To be certified as a specialty peace officer, an individual shall complete a Board-prescribed specialty peace officer basic training course or the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course, specified in R13-4-116, at an academy and pass all sections of the CE prescribed under subsection (A)(1) that are relevant to the duties of a specialty peace officer.
- B.** Exceptions. The training requirement in subsection (A) is waived when an agency uses an individual during a field training program that is a component of a basic training program at an academy, and the individual is under the direct supervision and control of a certified peace officer.
- C.** Firearms training required. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, a peace officer shall complete the firearms qualification courses required in R13-4-116(E) before the peace officer carries a firearm in the course of duty.
- D.** Waiver of required training.
 - 1. An agency, on behalf of an individual, may apply to the Board for a waiver of required training if:
 - a. The individual's certified status is lapsed;
 - b. The individual has functioned in the capacity of a peace officer in another state, graduated from a Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy, and worked for at least one year as a peace officer; or
 - c. The individual graduated from a federal law enforcement academy, worked for at least one year as a law enforcement officer, and meets the requirement under subsection (D)(2)(e)(i).
 - 2. The Board shall review the application and grant a waiver of required training if the Board determines that the best interests of the law enforcement profession are served, the public welfare and safety are not jeopardized, and:
 - a. The appointing agency submits to the Board written verification of the individual's previous experience and training on a form prescribed by the Board;
 - b. The individual meets the minimum qualifications listed in R13-4-105;
 - c. The individual complies with the requirements of R13-4-103(E)(1);
 - d. The appointing agency complies with the requirements of R13-4-106(C);
 - e. The individual successfully completes an examination measuring the individual's comprehension of the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course as follows:
 - i. If the individual has experience as a certified peace officer for a federal law enforcement agency, submits to the Board basic training and in-service training records that the Board determines demonstrate substantial comparability to Arizona's Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course, and passes all sections of the CE; and
 - ii. If the individual's certification is lapsed, the individual shall pass all sections of the CE; and
 - iii. Applicable provisions in subsection (A)(1) apply to this subsection; and
- f. In addition to the examination required under subsection (D)(2)(e), the individual demonstrates proficiency in the areas of physical conditioning, vehicle operations, pursuit operations, and firearms, including firearms qualifications, as required under R13-4-116(E).
- E.** Required inspections. Before an agency provides the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course, Board staff shall conduct an onsite inspection to ensure the agency is equipped to assess peace officer physical conditioning, vehicle and pursuit operations, and firearms use. Following the inspection, Board staff shall provide the agency with an inspection report identifying any deficiencies and necessary corrective action.
- F.** This Section is effective six months after filing with the Secretary of State as required by A.R.S. § 41-1823(A).

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R13-4-111. Certification Retention Requirements

- A.** Annual training required.
 - 1. A full-authority or specialty peace officer shall complete 12 hours of training each year beginning January 1 following the date the officer is certified.
 - 2. Training course standards for peace officers. The provider of a training course for peace officers shall ensure:
 - a. The course curriculum consists of instruction on topics related to law enforcement operations and peace officer functions and skills;
 - b. An attendance verification certificate, which includes a statement that the provider believes the course meets the requirements of this Section, is given to each attendee for audit purposes;
 - c. If the training provider is an agency, an attendance roster and lesson plan or other information sufficient to determine compliance with this Section is made available upon request by the Board for Board audit; and
 - d. If an agency wishes to host a vendor-provided training course:
 - i. Both the agency and vendor shall comply with the provisions of subsection (A)(2); and

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- ii. The agency shall provide the statement described under subsection (A)(2)(b).
- 3. Required records. A peace officer shall provide to the appointing agency a copy of all documents provided to the peace officer under subsection (A)(2)(b). The appointing agency shall maintain the documents and make them available, upon request by the Board, for Board audit.
- 4. The Board may reject a training course if the Board finds the course content does not serve the best interest of the law enforcement profession or jeopardizes public welfare and safety.
- B. Annual firearms qualification required. In addition to the training required under subsection (A), a peace officer authorized to carry a firearm shall qualify to continue to be authorized to carry a firearm each year beginning January 1 following certification by completing a Board-prescribed firearms qualification course, using a service handgun, service, frangible, or practice ammunition, and a Board-prescribed target identification and judgment course.
 - 1. Firearms qualification course standards.
 - a. A firearms qualification course is a course:
 - i. Prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1), or
 - ii. Determined by the Board to measure firearms competency at least as accurately as courses prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1).
 - b. The provider of a firearms qualification course shall ensure the course includes:
 - i. A timed accuracy component;
 - ii. A type and style of target that is equal to, or more difficult than, targets used in a course prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1); and
 - iii. A success criterion that is equal to, or more difficult than, criteria used in a course prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1).
 - 2. Firearms target identification and judgment course standards.
 - a. A firearms target identification and judgment course is a course:
 - i. Prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1), or
 - ii. Determined by the Board to measure target identification and judgment competency at least as accurately as courses prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1).
 - b. The provider of a firearms target identification and judgment course shall ensure the course includes:
 - i. A timed accuracy component;
 - ii. A type and style of target discrimination test that is equal to, or more difficult than, those used in a course prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1); and
 - iii. A success criterion that is equal to, or more difficult than, criteria used in a course prescribed under R13-4-116(E)(1).
 - 3. The provider of a firearms qualification or firearms target identification and judgment course shall ensure the course is taught by a firearms instructor who meets the requirements of R13-4-114(A)(2)(c).
- C. This Section is effective six months after filing with the Secretary of State as required by A.R.S. § 41-1823(A).

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R13-4-112. Time Frames

- A. For the purposes of A.R.S. § 41-1073, the Board establishes the following time frames for peace officer certification:
 - 1. Administrative completeness review time frame: 90 days.
 - 2. Substantive review time frame: 180 days.
 - 3. Overall time frame: 270 days.
- B. The administrative completeness review time frame begins on the date the Board receives the report required by R13-4-108(A)(1) from an appointing agency.
 - 1. Within 90 days, the Board shall review the report and issue to the appointing agency a notice of administrative completeness or a notice of administrative deficiency that lists each document or item of information establishing compliance with R13-4-105 that is missing.
 - 2. If the Board issues a notice of administrative deficiency, the appointing agency shall make the missing documents and information available to the Board within 90 days of the date of the notice. The administrative completeness review time frame is suspended from the date of the deficiency notice until the date the missing documents and information are made available to the Board.
 - 3. If the appointing agency fails to make available all missing documents and information within the 90 days provided, the Board shall close the applicant's file. An applicant whose file is closed and who wants to be certified shall apply again under R13-4-103.
 - 4. When the file is administratively complete, the Board shall provide written notice of administrative completeness to the appointing agency.
- C. The substantive review time frame begins on the date the Board issues the notice of administrative completeness.
 - 1. During the substantive review time frame, the Board may make one comprehensive written request for additional information.
 - 2. The appointing agency shall make available to the Board the additional information identified in the request for additional information within 60 days. The time frame for the Board to finish the substantive review of the application is suspended from the date of the request for additional information until the additional information is made available to the Board.
 - 3. If the appointing agency fails to make available the additional information requested within the 60 days provided,

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the Board shall close the applicant's file. An applicant whose file is closed and who wants to be certified shall apply again under R13-4-103.

4. When the substantive review is complete, the Board shall grant or deny certification.

Historical Note

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R13-4-113. Repealed**Historical Note**

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R13-4-114. Minimum Course Requirements

- A. Instructors. An academy administrator shall ensure only an instructor who meets the requirements of this Section instructs a Board-prescribed course.

1. Instructor classifications.
 - a. General instructor. An individual qualified to teach topics not requiring a proficiency instructor under subsection (A)(1)(c).
 - b. Specialist instructor. An individual, other than an active Arizona peace officer, qualified to teach a topic in which the instructor has special expertise but who does not qualify for general instructor status.
 - c. Proficiency instructor. An individual qualified to teach a topic area listed in R13-4-116(E)(1)(h).
2. Instructor qualification standards.
 - a. A general instructor shall meet the following requirements:
 - i. Have two years' experience as a certified peace officer;
 - ii. Maintain instructional competency; and
 - iii. Successfully complete a Board-sponsored instructor training course or an instructor training course that contains all of the performance objectives and demonstrations of the Board-sponsored instructor course.
 - b. A specialist instructor shall meet the requirements of subsections (A)(2)(b)(i) and (A)(2)(b)(ii) and either subsection (A)(2)(b)(iii) or (A)(2)(b)(iv):
 - i. Be nominated by the administrator of an academy authorized to provide a peace officer basic training course;
 - ii. Maintain instructional competency;
 - iii. Possess a professional license or certification other than an active peace officer certification that relates to the topics to be taught; and
 - iv. Provide documentation to the academy administrator for forwarding to the Board that demon-

strates the expertise and ability to enhance peace officer training in a special field.

- c. A proficiency instructor shall meet the requirements of subsections (A)(2)(c)(i) and (A)(2)(c)(ii) and either subsection (A)(2)(c)(iii) or (A)(2)(c)(iv):
 - i. Meet the requirements for general instructor;
 - ii. Maintain instructional competency;
 - iii. Successfully complete a proficiency instructor course in a topic area listed in R13-4-116(E)(1)(h) that includes a competency assessment to instruct in that area within the full-authority peace officer basic training course listed in R13-4-116(E); and
 - iv. Complete a form prescribed by the Board that documents advanced training and experience in the topic area including a competency assessment to instruct in that area within the full-authority peace officer basic training course listed in R13-4-116(E).
- d. A proficiency instructor shall meet the requirements of subsection (A)(2)(c) separately for each topic area listed in R13-4-116(E)(1)(h) for which the proficiency instructor seeks qualification.
3. Instructional competency. An academy administrator shall immediately notify the Board in writing of any instructor:
 - a. Who jeopardizes the safety of students or the public,
 - b. Whose instruction violates acceptable training standards,
 - c. Who is grossly deficient in performance as an instructor, or
 - d. Who is a proficiency instructor and fails to complete satisfactorily the competency assessment to instruct in the instructor's topic area within the full-authority peace officer basic training course.
4. If the Board determines an instructor fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, has an instructional deficiency, or fails to maintain proficiency, any course instructed by the instructor does not meet the requirements of this Section.
- B. Curriculum standards. An academy administrator or agency head shall ensure the curriculum for a Board-prescribed course meets the following standards:
 1. Curriculum.
 - a. Curriculum development employs valid, job-based performance objectives and learning activities, and promotes student, officer, and public safety, as determined by a scientifically conducted validation study of the knowledge, skills, abilities, and aptitudes needed by the affected category of Arizona peace officer.
 - b. The curriculum meets or exceeds the requirements of subsection (B)(2), unless otherwise provided in this Section.
 2. Curriculum format standard. The curriculum consists of the following:
 - a. A general statement of instructional intent that summarizes the desired learning outcome, is broad in scope, and includes long-term or far-reaching learning goals;
 - b. Lesson plans containing:
 - i. Course title,
 - ii. Hours of instruction,
 - iii. Materials and aids to be used,

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- iv. Instructional strategy,
 - v. Topic areas in outline form,
 - vi. Performance objectives or learning activities,
 - vii. Success criteria, and
 - viii. Reference material;
 - c. Performance objectives consisting of at least the following components:
 - i. The student, which is an individual or group that performs a behavior as the result of instruction;
 - ii. The behavior, which is an observable demonstration by the student at the end of instruction that shows that the objective is achieved and allows evaluation of the student's capabilities to perform the behavior; and
 - iii. The conditions, which is a description of the important conditions of instruction or evaluation under which the student performs the behavior. Unless specified otherwise within the lesson plan, instruction and evaluation will be in written or oral form; and
 - d. Learning activities. A student is not required to demonstrate mastery of learning activities as a condition for successfully completing the training. Learning activities are subject areas for which performance objectives are not appropriate because either:
 - i. Reliable and meaningful assessment of mastery of the material would be extremely difficult or impossible, or
 - ii. Mastery of the material is not likely to bear a direct relationship to the ability to perform entry-level peace officer job duties.
- C.** The Board shall maintain and provide upon request a copy of curricula that meet the standards of this Section.
- Historical Note**
- Adopted effective March 23, 1989 (Supp. 89-1). References to "Council" changed to "Board" (Supp. 94-3). Section repealed; new Section made by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 331, effective March 11, 2006 (Supp. 06-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 331, effective March 11, 2006 (Supp. 06-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 555, effective April 8, 2016 (Supp. 16-1). Amended by final rulemaking at 26 A.A.R. 2745, effective December 6, 2020 (Supp. 20-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 28 A.A.R. 3431 (October 28, 2022), effective December 4, 2022 (Supp. 22-4). Amended by final rulemaking at 31 A.A.R. 924 (March 28, 2025), effective May 4, 2025 (Supp. 25-1).
- R13-4-115. Repealed**
- Historical Note**
- Adopted effective March 23, 1989 (Supp. 89-1). References to "Council" changed to "Board" (Supp. 94-3). Section repealed by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3).
- R13-4-116. Academy Requirements**
- A.** Unless otherwise provided in this Article, only the basic training provided by an academy that the Board determines meets the standards prescribed in this Section may be used to qualify for certified peace officer status.
- B.** The academy administrator shall ensure the academy has the following:
1. A classroom with adequate heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting, and space;
 2. Chairs with tables or arms for writing;
 3. Visual aid devices for classroom presentation;
 4. Equipment in good condition for specialized instruction;
 5. A safe driving track for conducting the vehicle and pursuit operations course;
 6. A firearm range with adequate backstop to ensure the safety of all individuals on or near the range; and
 7. A safe location for practical exercises including assessing physical conditioning, defensive tactics, and high-risk vehicle stops.
- C.** Administrative requirements. The academy administrator shall ensure the academy:
1. Establishes and maintains written policies, procedures, and rules concerning:
 - a. Operation of the academy,
 - b. Entrance requirements,
 - c. Student and instructor conduct, and
 - d. Administering examinations;
 2. Admits only individuals who meet the requirements of R13-4-105, as electronically or otherwise attested to the Board by the appointing agency or, in the case of an open enrollee, by the academy administrator, on or before the first day of training;
 3. Administers to each student at the beginning of each academy session a written examination measuring competency in reading and writing English;
 4. Schedules sufficient time for the CE to be administered as required by R13-4-110(A); and
 5. Uses only instructors who are qualified under R13-4-114(A).
- D.** Academic requirements. The academy administrator shall ensure the academy:
1. Establishes a curriculum with performance objectives and learning activities that meet the requirements of subsection (E) and R13-4-114(B);
 2. Requires instructors to use lesson plans that cover the course content and list the performance objectives to be achieved and learning activities to be used;
 3. Administers written, oral, or practical demonstration examinations that measure the attainment of the performance objectives;
 4. Reviews examination results with each student and ensures the student is shown any necessary corrections and signs and dates an acknowledgment that the student participated in the review;
 5. Requires a student to successfully complete oral or written examinations that cover all topics of the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course before graduating.
 - a. Successful completion of an examination is a score of 70 percent or greater;
 - b. For a student who scores less than 70 percent, the academy shall:
 - i. Provide remedial training, and
 - ii. Re-examine the student in the area of deficiency; and
 - c. The academy shall allow a student to retake each examination only once;
 6. Requires a student to qualify with firearms as described in subsection (E);

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7. Ensures a student meets the success criteria for police proficiency skills under subsection (E)(1);
 8. Provides remedial training for a student who misses a class from the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course before allowing the student to graduate; and
 9. Refuses to graduate a student who has missed and failed to make up any classes from the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course.
- E. Basic course requirements.** The academy administrator shall ensure the academy uses curricula that meet the requirements of R13-4-114 for the following basic courses of instruction.
1. The Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course shall include all of the following topics:
 - a. Introduction to Law Enforcement.
 - i. Criminal justice systems,
 - ii. History of law enforcement,
 - iii. Law enforcement services,
 - iv. Supervision and management,
 - v. Ethics and professionalism, and
 - vi. Stress management.
 - b. Law and Legal Matters.
 - i. Introduction to criminal law;
 - ii. Laws of arrest;
 - iii. Search and seizure;
 - iv. Rules of evidence;
 - v. Summonses, subpoenas, and warrants;
 - vi. Civil process;
 - vii. Administration of criminal justice;
 - viii. Juvenile law and procedures;
 - ix. Courtroom demeanor;
 - x. Constitutional law;
 - xi. Substantive criminal law, A.R.S. Titles 4, 13, and 36; and
 - xii. Liability issues.
 - c. Patrol Procedures.
 - i. Patrol and observation,
 - ii. Domestic violence,
 - iii. Behavioral health crisis response,
 - iv. Crimes in progress,
 - v. Crowd control formations and tactics,
 - vi. Bomb threats and disaster training,
 - vii. Intoxication cases,
 - viii. Communication and police information systems,
 - ix. Hazardous materials,
 - x. Bias-motivated crimes,
 - xi. Fires, and
 - xii. Civil Disputes.
 - d. Traffic Control.
 - i. Impaired driver cases;
 - ii. Traffic citations;
 - iii. Traffic collision investigation;
 - iv. Traffic collision (practical);
 - v. Traffic direction; and
 - vi. Substantive Traffic Law, A.R.S. Title 28.
 - e. Crime Scene Management.
 - i. Preliminary investigation and crime scene management,
 - ii. Crime scene investigation (practical),
 - iii. Physical evidence procedures,
 - iv. Interviewing and questioning,
 - v. Fingerprinting,
 - vi. Sex crimes investigations,
 - vii. Death investigations including sudden infant death syndrome,
 - viii. Organized crime activity,
 - ix. Investigation of specific crimes, and
 - x. Narcotics and dangerous drugs.
 - f. Community and Police Relations.
 - i. Cultural awareness,
 - ii. Victimology,
 - iii. Interpersonal communications,
 - iv. Crime prevention, and
 - v. Police and the community.
 - g. Records and Reports. Report writing.
 - h. Police Proficiency Skills.
 - i. First aid,
 - ii. Less lethal operations (including certification),
 - iii. Firearms training (including firearms qualification),
 - iv. Physical conditioning,
 - v. High-risk stops,
 - vi. Arrest and control tactics,
 - vii. Vehicle and pursuit operations,
 - viii. Active assailant response.
 - i. Orientation and Introduction.
 - i. Examinations and reviews,
 - ii. Counseling, and
 - iii. Non-Board specified courses.
 2. The specialty peace officer basic training course shall include all of the topics necessary from the Board-approved full-authority peace officer basic training course for the curriculum to meet the requirements of R13-4-114(B).
 3. Administrative functions such as orientation, introductions, examinations and reviews, and counseling are exempt from the requirements of R13-4-114(B).
- F. Records required.** The academy administrator shall ensure the following records are maintained and made available for inspection by the Board or staff. The academy administrator shall provide to the Board copies of records upon request.
1. A record of all students attending the academy;
 2. A manual containing the policies, procedures, and rules of the academy;
 3. A document signed by each student indicating the student received and read a copy of the academy policies, procedures, and rules;
 4. A copy of all lesson plans used by instructors;
 5. An annually signed and dated acknowledgment that the academy administrator reviewed and approved each lesson plan used at the academy;
 6. A copy of all examinations, answer sheets or records of performance, and examination review acknowledgments;
 7. An attendance roster for all classes or other record that identifies absent students;
 8. A record of classes missed by each student and the remedial training received;
 9. A record of disciplinary actions for all students; and
 10. A file for each student containing the student's performance history.
- G. Reports required.** The academy administrator shall submit to the Board:
1. At least 10 working days before the start of each academy session, a complete schedule of classes containing the name of the instructor for each class and the training location;

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2. No more than five working days after the start of each academy session, on a form prescribed by the Board, a roster indicating whether a student is an open enrollee or appointed and if appointed, identifying the appointing agency, and the full name and Social Security number of each student;
 3. No more than five working days after dismissing a student from the academy, notification of the dismissal and the reason;
 4. No later than the tenth day of each month, a report containing:
 - a. A summary of training activities and progress of the academy class to date;
 - b. Unusual occurrences, accidents, or liability issues; and
 - c. Other problems or matters of interest noted in the course of the academy, if not included under subsection (G)(4)(b);
 5. No more than 10 working days after the end of each academy session, a complete schedule of classes containing the name of the instructor for each class and the training location;
 6. No more than 10 working days after the end of each academy session, on a form prescribed by the Board, a roster indicating whether a student is an open enrollee or appointed and if appointed, identifying the appointing agency, and the full name and Social Security number of each student successfully completing the training.
- H.** Required inspections. Before an academy provides training to individuals seeking certification for any category of peace officer, the Board staff shall conduct an onsite inspection of the academy to determine compliance with this Section and R13-4-114. Board staff shall conduct additional inspections as often as the Board deems necessary.
1. Within 30 days after the inspection, the Board staff shall provide to the academy administrator an inspection report that lists any deficiencies identified and remedial actions the academy is required to take to comply with the standards of this Section and R13-4-114.
 2. Within 30 days after receipt of the inspection report, the academy administrator shall submit to the Board a response that indicates the progress made to complete the remedial actions necessary to correct the deficiencies described in the inspection report. The academy administrator shall submit to the Board additional responses every 30 days until all remedial action is complete.
 3. Within 30 days after receipt of notice that all remedial action is complete, Board staff shall conduct another inspection.
 4. Following each inspection, Board staff shall present an inspection report to the Board describing the academy's compliance in meeting the standards of this Section and R13-4-114.
- I.** If an academy does not conduct a peace officer basic training course for 12 consecutive months, the academy shall not provide training until Board staff conducts another inspection as required by subsection (H). Otherwise, an academy may continue to provide training unless the Board determines the academy is not in compliance with the standards of this Section or R13-4-114.
- J.** If the Board finds an academy fails to comply with the provisions of this Section or R13-4-114, the academy shall not provide training to individuals seeking to be certified as peace officers.
- K.** An academy administrator shall ensure an open enrollee is admitted only after the academy administrator complies with every requirement of an agency or agency head imposed by R13-4-105, R13-4-106, R13-4-107, and R13-4-108 except for R13-4-106(C)(4).

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R13-4-117. Training Expense Reimbursements

- A.** Approval of training courses. The Board shall approve or deny training courses for training expense reimbursement based on compliance with this Section and R13-4-111, and availability of funds.
- B.** Application for reimbursement. Before the beginning of a training program described in R13-4-111, an agency planning to participate in the training and apply for reimbursement, shall notify the Board on prescribed forms.
- C.** Claim for reimbursement. When an individual completes a training course, the appointing agency may submit a claim for reimbursement on a form prescribed by the Board. The agency shall submit the claim within 60 days after the training is completed.
- D.** Allowable reimbursements. The Board shall allow the following reimbursements subject to the limits on the amount of reimbursement as determined by the Board under subsection (E):
1. The state-approved rate for lodging while a peace officer attended a training course,
 2. Tuition for a training course on a pro-rata basis for the actual hours of training attended, and
 3. Other expenses incurred by a peace officer.
- E.** Limitations on reimbursements. The following limitations apply to applications for reimbursement involving training courses.
1. The Board shall not reimburse an agency if the peace officer has previously completed the same training course within three years;
 2. The Board shall not reimburse an agency for a peace officer who fails to complete a training course except upon request of the appointing agency. The agency shall present the reasons for the non-completion to the Board with the request for reimbursement; and
 3. The Board shall not reimburse an agency for the cost of insurance, medical, pension, uniform, clothing, equipment, or other benefits or expenses of a peace officer while attending a training course.
- F.** Academy reimbursement. The Board may reimburse an academy for the actual costs of materials, books, ammunition, registration fees and tuition, necessary for completion of a basic course up to the limits set by the Board. To receive reimbursement, an academy shall furnish paid receipts or invoices or

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other information as required by the Board to verify costs incurred. The Board shall not reimburse an academy for costs incurred for registration fees, tuition, books, materials, or ammunition for a peace officer, if the Board has made these reimbursements for the peace officer's previous attendance at an academy.

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R13-4-118. Hearings; Rehearings

- A. If a respondent makes a request for hearing under R13-4-109(E), the hearing shall be held in accordance with A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Article 10.
- B. If a respondent fails to comply with the requirements under R13-4-109(E) within 30 days of the notice of action sent under R13-4-109(E), the Board may consider the case based on the information available.
- C. If a respondent requests a hearing, but fails to appear at the hearing, the Board or administrative law judge may vacate the hearing. If a hearing is vacated, the Board may deem the acts and violations charged in the notice of action admitted, and impose any of the sanctions provided by A.R.S. § 41-1822 (D)(1).
- D. The Board shall render a decision in writing. The Board shall serve notice of the decision on each party as required by A.R.S. § 41-1092.04.
- E. Except as provided in subsection (I), a party is required to file a motion for rehearing or review of a Board decision to exhaust the party's administrative remedies.
- F. A party may file a motion for rehearing or review of a decision with the Board not later than 30 days after service of the Board's decision, specifying the particular grounds for the motion.
- G. The Board may grant a rehearing or review of a decision for any of the following reasons materially affecting the moving party's rights:
 1. Irregularity in the administrative proceedings, or any abuse of discretion that deprived the moving party of a fair hearing;
 2. Misconduct of the Board, the administrative law judge, or the prevailing party;
 3. Mistake or surprise that could not have been prevented by ordinary prudence;
 4. Newly discovered material evidence that could not with reasonable diligence have been discovered and produced at the hearing;
 5. Error in the admission or rejection of evidence or other errors of law occurring at the hearing; or
 6. The decision was not justified by the evidence or the decision was contrary to law.
- H. The Board may affirm or modify the decision or grant a rehearing to any or all of the parties, on part or all of the issues, for any of the reasons in subsection (G). An order granting a rehearing shall specify the particular issues in the rehearing and the rehearing shall concern only the matters specified.
- I. If the Board makes a specific finding that a particular decision needs to be effective immediately to preserve the public peace, health, or safety and that a review or rehearing of the decision

is impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, the Board shall issue the decision as a final decision without an opportunity for rehearing or review.

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ARTICLE 2. CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**R13-4-201. Definitions**

The definitions in A.R.S. § 41-1661 apply to this Article. Additionally, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Academy" means the Correctional Officer Training Academy (COTA) of the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry in Tucson, Arizona, or a satellite location authorized by the Director.

"Appointment" means the selection of an individual as a correctional officer.

"Applicant" means an individual who applies to be a correctional officer.

"Cadet" means an individual who is attending the academy and, upon graduation, will become a state correctional officer.

"Dangerous drug or narcotic" is defined in R13-4-101.

"Department" means the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry.

"State correctional officer" means an individual employed by the Department in the correctional officer series.

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R13-4-202. Uniform Minimum Standards

- A. To be admitted to the academy for training as a state correctional officer, an individual shall:
 1. Be a citizen of the United States or eligible to work in the United States;
 2. Be at least 18 years of age by the date of graduation from the academy;
 3. Be a high school graduate or have successfully completed a General Education Development (G.E.D.) examination or equivalent as specified in R13-4-203(C)(3);
 4. Have a valid Arizona driver's license by the date of graduation from the academy;
 5. Undergo a complete background investigation that meets the standards of R13-4-203;
 6. Undergo a physical examination (within 12 months before appointment) as prescribed by the Director by a licensed physician designated by the Director;

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7. Not have been dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces;
8. Not have used a dangerous drug or narcotic, as defined at A.R.S. § 13-3401, within the past five years;
9. Not have a pattern of abuse of prescription medication; and
10. Not have committed a felony or a misdemeanor of a nature that the Director determines has a reasonable relationship to the functions of the position, in accordance with A.R.S. § 13-904(E).

- B. Code of Ethics.** To enhance the quality of performance and the conduct and the behavior of correctional officers, an individual appointed to be a correctional officer shall commit to the following Code of Ethics and shall affirm the commitment by signing the Code:

"I shall maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality, free from any personal considerations, favoritism, or partisan demands. I shall be courteous, considerate, and prompt when dealing with the public, realizing that I serve the public. I shall maintain mutual respect and professional cooperation in my relationships with other staff members.

I shall be firm, fair, and consistent in the performance of my duties. I shall treat others with dignity, respect, and compassion, and provide humane custody and care, void of all retribution, harassment, or abuse. I shall uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Arizona, and all federal and state laws. Whether on or off duty, in uniform or not, I shall conduct myself in a manner that will not bring discredit or embarrassment to my agency or the state of Arizona.

I shall report without reservation any corrupt or unethical behavior that could affect either inmates, employees, or the integrity of my agency. I shall not use my official position for personal gain. I shall maintain confidentiality of information that has been entrusted to me and designated as such.

I shall not permit myself to be placed under any kind of personal obligation that could lead any person to expect official favors. I shall not accept or solicit from anyone, either directly or indirectly, anything of economic value such as a gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, or loan, that is or may appear to be, designed to influence my official conduct. I will not discriminate against any inmate, employee, or any member of the public on the basis of race, gender, creed, or national origin. I will not sexually harass or condone sexual harassment of any person. I shall maintain the highest standards of personal hygiene, grooming, and neatness while on duty or otherwise representing the state of Arizona."

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Adopted effective December 16, 1992, filed June 16, 1992 (Supp. 82-2). Reference to "Council" changed to "Board" (Supp. 94-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3201, effective July 11, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by final rulemaking at 22 A.A.R. 555, effective April 8, 2016 (Supp. 16-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking, under Laws 2019, Chapter 93, at 25 A.A.R. 1267, with an immediate effective date of April 24, 2019 (Supp. 19-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 28 A.A.R. 1044 (May 20, 2022), effective July 3, 2022 (Supp. 22-2). Amended by final rulemaking at 31 A.A.R. 924 (March

28, 2025), effective May 4, 2025 (Supp. 25-1).

R13-4-203. Background Investigation

- A.** The Department shall conduct a background investigation before an applicant is admitted to the academy. The Department shall review the personal history statement submitted under subsection (B) and the results of the background investigation required in subsection (C) to determine whether the individual meets the requirements of R13-4-202 and the individual's personal history statement is accurate and truthful.
- B.** Personal history. An applicant shall complete and submit to the Department, the personal history statement prescribed by the Department. The applicant shall complete the personal history statement before the start of the background investigation and ensure the personal history statement provides the information necessary for the Department to conduct the investigation described in subsection (C).
- C.** Investigative requirements. Before admitting an applicant to the academy, the Department shall collect, verify, and retain documents establishing that the applicant meets the standards specified in this Article. At a minimum, this documentation shall include:
1. Proof of the applicant's age and United States citizenship or eligibility to work in the United States. A copy of any of the following regarding the applicant is acceptable proof:
 - a. Birth certificate,
 - b. United States passport,
 - c. Certification of United States Naturalization,
 - d. Certificate of Nationality, or
 - e. Immigration Form I-151 or I-1551.
 2. Proof of the applicant's valid driver's license. A copy of the applicant's driver's license and written verification of the applicant's driving record from the applicable state's Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division, is required proof.
 3. Proof the applicant is a high school graduate or its equivalent. The following are acceptable proof:
 - a. A copy of a diploma from a high school recognized by the department of education of the jurisdiction in which the diploma is issued;
 - b. A copy of a certificate showing successful completion of the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test; or
 - c. In the absence of proof of high school graduation or successful completion of the G.E.D. test,
 - i. A copy of a degree or transcript from an accredited college or university showing successful completion of high school or high school equivalency;
 - ii. A United States Military Service Record DD Form 214-#4 with the Education block indicating high school completion,
 - iii. A copy of a diploma, certificate of completion, or transcripts issued by a private school in Arizona that includes the individual's name and a signed affirmation of the school administrator that the individual named received the equivalent of a high school education; or
 - iv. Other evidence of high school education equivalency submitted to the Board for consideration.
 4. Record of any military discharge. A copy of the Military Service Record (DD Form 214-#4 or NGB Form 22),

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which documents the character of service, separation code, and reentry code, is acceptable proof.

5. Results of a psychological fitness assessment approved by the Director and conducted by a psychologist or psychiatrist designated by the Department.
6. Previous employers or schools attended. The names and addresses of all employers of and schools attended by the applicant for the past five years.
7. Residence history. The complete address for every location at which the applicant has lived in the last five years.
8. Law enforcement agency records. The Department shall request and review law enforcement agency records in jurisdictions where the applicant has lived, worked, or attended school in the past five years. The Department shall document the information obtained.
9. Criminal history query. The Department shall query the National Crime Information Center/Interstate Identification Index (NCIC/III), and the Arizona Criminal Information Center/Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACIC/ACCH), or the equivalent for each state where the applicant has lived, worked, or attended school in the past five years and review the criminal history record for any arrest or conviction to determine compliance with R13-4-202.
10. Fingerprint card. The Department shall obtain from an applicant and submit a fingerprint card for processing by the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 - a. The Department shall process a fingerprint card for an applicant entering the academy, except as provided in subsections (C)(10)(b) and (c). The Department shall process a fingerprint card for an applicant even if the applicant has a processed applicant fingerprint card from a previous employer.
 - b. If the fingerprint card is not fully processed when the applicant is ready to enter the academy, the Department may allow the applicant to attend the academy if:
 - i. A computerized criminal history check has been made and the results are on file with the Department, and
 - ii. The applicant meets all other requirements of this Section and R13-4-202.
 - c. If the Department has not received a fully processed fingerprint card within 15 weeks of the date of admission to the academy, the individual does not meet the requirements of this Section and may be terminated from the academy. The Department may extend the deadline for receipt of a processed fingerprint card an additional 15 weeks. An individual terminated from the academy under this subsection may be re-employed under R13-4-208 when a fully processed fingerprint card is received.

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R13-4-204. Records

- A. The Department shall make records available upon request to the Board or its staff. The Department shall keep the records in a central location. The Department shall maintain:
 1. All written documentation obtained or recorded under R13-4-202 and R13-4-203; and
 2. A record of all advanced training, specialized training, continuing education, and firearms qualification conducted under R13-4-206.
- B. The Department shall maintain the records required by this Section as follows:
 1. For applicants investigated under R13-4-203 who are not appointed: two years; and
 2. For applicants who are appointed: five years from the date of termination, except records retained under subsection (A)(2), shall be retained for three years.

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R13-4-205. Basic Training Requirements

- A. Before appointment as a state correctional officer, an individual shall complete a Board-approved basic correctional officer training program. This program shall meet or exceed the requirements of this Section.
- B. Basic course specifications.
 1. The Department shall develop the curriculum for the basic correctional officer training program.
 - a. The curriculum shall include courses in the following functional areas.
 - i. Functional Area I - Ethics and Professionalism;
 - ii. Functional Area II - Inmate Management;
 - iii. Functional Area III - Legal Issues;
 - iv. Functional Area IV - Communication Skills;
 - v. Functional Area V - Officer Safety, including firearms;
 - vi. Functional Area VI - Applied Skills;
 - vii. Functional Area VII - Security, Custody, and Control;
 - viii. Functional Area VIII - Conflict and Crisis Management; and
 - ix. Functional Area IX - Medical Emergencies, and Physical and Mental Health.
 - b. The curriculum shall also contain administrative time for orientation, counseling, testing, and remedial training.
 2. The Department shall ensure curriculum submitted to the Board for approval contains lesson plans that include:
 - a. Course title,
 - b. Hours of instruction,
 - c. Materials and aids to be used,
 - d. Instructional strategy,
 - e. Topic areas in outline form,
 - f. Success criteria, and

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- g. The performance objectives or learning activities to be achieved.
 3. After initial approval by the Board, the Director or the Director's designee shall submit changes to a lesson plan to the Board for approval.
 4. The Department shall ensure the following three components are specified for each performance objective:
 - a. The learner, which is an individual or group that performs a behavior as the result of instruction;
 - b. The behavior, which is an observable demonstration by the learner at the end of instruction that shows the objective is achieved and allows evaluation of the learner's capabilities relative to the behavior;
 - c. The conditions, which is a description of the important conditions of instruction or evaluation under which the learner will perform the stated behavior. Unless specified otherwise, the instruction and evaluation shall be in written or oral form.
 5. The Department shall ensure instructors of basic correctional officer training courses meet proficiency requirements developed by the Department. The Department shall ensure proficiency requirements for instructors include education, experience, or a combination of both. The Department shall ensure each instructor has the necessary qualifications before the instructor delivers any instruction. In addition to these requirements, instructors of courses dealing with the proficiency skills of defensive tactics, physical conditioning, firearms, and medical emergencies shall complete specialized training developed by the Department. Instructors shall use lesson plans described in subsection (B)(2).
- C. Academic requirements.**
1. A cadet shall be given a combination of written, oral, or practical demonstration examinations capable of measuring the cadet's attainment of the performance objectives in each approved lesson plan.
 2. Academy staff shall review examination results and academic progress with each cadet weekly. Academy staff shall ensure each cadet is informed of correct responses.
 3. A cadet shall complete all examinations before graduating from the academy. To successfully complete a written or oral examination, a cadet shall score at least 70 percent.
 - a. If a cadet receives a score of less than 70 percent, the academy shall provide the cadet with remedial training in areas of deficiency.
 - b. The academy shall not offer a cadet more than one re-examination per lesson plan.
 4. A cadet shall qualify with firearms as specified in subsection (B).
 5. A cadet shall meet success criteria described in the Board-approved curriculum for the proficiency skills of self-defense, physical conditioning, and medical emergencies, as approved under subsection (B).
 6. The academy shall provide a cadet who does not attend a lesson with remedial training before graduation.
 7. The academy shall not graduate a cadet who attends less than 90 percent of the total hours of basic training.
- D. Exceptions.** A cadet shall not function as a state correctional officer except:
1. As part of an exercise within the approved basic training program, if the cadet is under the direct supervision and control of a state correctional officer; or
 2. At the discretion of the Director, for the duration of an emergency situation including, but not limited to, riots, insurrections, and natural disasters. A cadet shall not carry a firearm in the course of duty unless the cadet has successfully met the requirement of subsection (C)(4).
- E. Waiver of required training.** The Board shall grant a complete or partial waiver of the required basic training, at the request of the Director, upon a finding by the Board that the best interests of the corrections profession are served and the public welfare and safety is not jeopardized by the waiver if an applicant:
1. Successfully completes a basic corrections officer training course comparable to or exceeding, in hours of instruction and subject matter, the Board-approved basic correctional officer training course and has a minimum of one year of experience as a correctional officer. The applicant shall include verification of previous experience and training with the application for waiver;
 2. Meets the minimum qualifications specified in R13-4-202; and
 3. Successfully completes a comprehensive examination measuring comprehension of the Board-approved basic correctional officer training course. The comprehensive examination shall be prepared by the Department, approved by the Director, and include a written test and practical demonstrations of proficiency in firearms, physical conditioning, and defensive tactics.
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- R13-4-206. Field Training and Continuing Training Including Firearms Qualification**
- A.** Field training requirement. Before graduating from the academy or within two months after graduation, a cadet or state correctional officer shall participate in and successfully complete a Department-approved field training program.
- B.** Continuing training requirement.
1. A state correctional officer shall receive eight hours of Board-approved continuing training each calendar year beginning January 1 following the date the officer graduated from the academy.
 2. In addition to the training required under subsection (B)(1), a state correctional officer authorized to carry a firearm shall qualify each calendar year after appointment beginning January 1 following the date the officer graduated from the academy. The firearms qualification training shall meet the standards specified under subsection (F) and shall not be used to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C).
- C.** Continuing training requirements may be fulfilled by:
1. Advanced training programs, or
 2. Specialized training programs.
- D.** Advanced training programs. The Department shall develop, design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise advanced training programs that include courses enhancing a correctional officer's knowledge, skills, or abilities for the job that the correctional officer performs. The courses within an

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advanced training program shall include advanced or remedial training in any topic listed in R13-4-205(B).

- E. Specialized training programs. The Department shall develop, design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise specialized training programs that address a particular need of the Department and target a select group of officers. The courses within a specialized training program shall include topics different from those in the basic corrections training program or any advanced training programs.
- F. Firearms qualification required. A correctional officer authorized to carry a firearm shall qualify to continue to be authorized to carry a firearm each calendar year beginning the year following graduation from the academy by completing a Board-prescribed firearms qualification course using a service handgun, service shotgun, and service ammunition, and a Board-prescribed target identification and judgment course. All courses shall be presented by a firearms instructor who meets the requirements under R13-4-205(B)(5).

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R13-4-208. Re-employment of State Correctional Officers

- A. A state correctional officer who terminates employment may be re-employed by the Department within two years from the date of termination if the former state correctional officer meets the requirements of R13-4-202 and R13-4-203 at the time of re-employment.
- B. A state correctional officer who terminates employment may be re-employed by the Department if re-employment is sought more than two years but less than three years from the original date of termination, if the former state correctional officer meets the requirements of R13-4-202 and R13-4-203 at the time of re-employment and completes the waiver provisions of R13-4-205(E).
- C. A former state correctional officer who seeks re-employment more than three years from the date of termination shall meet all the requirements of this Article at the time of re-employment.

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